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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the application of:

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Serial Number : Based on International Application No.  
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For : PIPE CONNECTING STRUCTURE  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

The Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

October 6, 2005

Dear Sir:

Prior to an examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as set forth on the attached sheets.

Specification Amendments begin on page 2 of this paper.

Claims Amendments begins on page 5 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.